

WEATHER FORECAST.  
Forecast for Sunday and Monday:  
Virginia—Partly cloudy and warmer  
Sunday; probably showers in north, per-  
haps Monday, fair, fresh east to south  
winds.  
North Carolina—Fair and warm Sun-  
day; Monday, fair, fresh east to south  
winds.

# The Times

RANGE OF THERMOMETER.  
The thermometer ranged as follows at  
The Times office yesterday: 6 A. M., 65;  
12 M., 62; 3 P. M., 66; 6 P. M., 66; 9 P. M.,  
66; 12 midnight, 64. Average, 64.5.

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## A FIERY FLOOD HALF MILE WIDE

Swept from its Path Humanity and Human Works.

### THE LAVA WENT HISSING INTO THE SEA

Latter Receded Three Hundred Feet and Rushed Back With Greater Strength.

### THE TERRIBLE SOUNDS OF THE RUMBLING

Town Was Lit Up by Lurid Flashes of Flame from Burning Mountain—Terror Stricken Inhabitants Rushed for the Hills, Screaming, Shouting and Wailing, Mad With Terror—Ships Are All Gray With the Ashes.

CASTRES, ST. LUCIA, B. W. I., May 10.—Mont Pelee, a volcanic mountain, some ten miles north of St. Pierre, the commercial capital of Martinique, is the mountain which made a faint show of eruption fifty years ago. On May 23 last it began to throw out dense clouds of smoke. At midnight the same day flames, accompanied with rumbling noises, lighted the sky over an immense area, causing widespread terror. May 4th hot ashes covered the whole city quarter of St. Pierre Island an inch thick and made Mont Pelee invisible. At noon May 5th a stream of burning lava rushed 4,000 feet down the mountain side, following the dry bed of a torrent and reaching the sea five miles from the mountain in three minutes.

In its rush the fiery flood swept from its path plantations, buildings, factories, cattle and human beings over a breadth of about half a mile.

At the rear of the mouth of Riviere Blanche stood the large Guerin sugar factory, one of the finest in the island. It is now completely entombed in lava. The tall chimney alone is visible. One hundred and fifty persons are estimated to have perished there including the owner's son.

As the lava rushed into the sea the latter receded three hundred feet all along the west coast. Returning with greater strength, a big wave covered the whole sea front of St. Pierre, but doing little damage ashore or aloft.

Terrible sounds heard hundreds of miles northwards, followed, and continued at night. In the intense darkness electric lights failed, but the town was lit up by lurid flashes of flame from the mountain. The terror-stricken inhabitants rushed for the hills in their night clothes, screaming, shouting and wailing—mad with terror.

### A SPECTRE SHIP.

The Allison family escaped to St. Lucia in a small steamer. Thirty-five persons mostly women and children, arrived here in the forenoon of the 6th and furnished the above details. The men remained at Martinique.

The same afternoon late communication was interrupted with both the island of Martinique and St. Vincent. During the afternoon the British steamer Roddam, which had left St. Lucia at midnight for Martinique, crawled slowly into the Castries harbor, unrecognizable, gray with ashes, her rigging dismantled and sails and awnings hanging about, torn and charred.

Castries Wharfe reported that having just cast anchor off St. Pierre during fine weather, succeeding an awful thunderstorm during the night, he was talking to Joseph Plisson, the ship's agent, who was in a boat alongside, when he saw a tremendous cloud of smoke and glowing ash rising rapidly over the town and port, completely, in an instant, enveloping the former in a sheet of flame and raining fire on board. The agent had just time to climb on board when his boat disappeared. Several of the crew of the Roddam were quickly scorched to death.

### CREW OF DEAD.

By superhuman efforts, having steam up, the cable was slipped and the steamer backed away from the scene, and nine hours later managed to reach Castries. Ten of the Roddam's crew were lying on the deck, and the rest of the crew, among the black cinders which covered the ship's deck to a depth of six inches. Two more of crew have since died.

The survivors of the Roddam's crew were loud in their praises of the heroic conduct of their captain in steering his vessel out of danger with his own hands, which were badly burned by the rain of fire which kept falling on the ship for miles after she got underway. Beyond all other his body the captain is safe, as is also the ship's agent, though he is badly scorched.

### SOLE SURVIVOR.

Mr. Plisson is believed to be the sole survivor of the 400 inhabitants of St. Pierre who remained there, for the town and the shipping in the port have been utterly destroyed. The West Indian and Panama Telegraph Company's first pairing steamer, the Quebec line, Captain Maza, the latter waving his hand in farewell to the Roddam as his vessel sank with a terrific explosion.

The British Royal Mail steamer Esk, which called at St. Pierre at 10 P. M. last night, reports standing off shore five miles, sounding her whistle and sending up rockets. She received no answer. The whole sea front was blazing, but the Esk sent a boat ashore, but it could not land owing to the terrific heat, which was accompanied by loud explosions. Not a living soul appeared ashore after the boat had waited for two hours. Fire and ashes fell all over the steamer.

### HOUSES STILL BLAZING.

In the afternoon a French coasting steamer arrived here from Port de France, seeking assistance, as all the country was burned up. The steamer was dying, all the plantations were charred, the country people were flocking into the town and famine was feared. The steamer was loaded with food of all sorts, and was sent back to Martinique at 7 P. M. The captain of this vessel reported that some thirty persons left St. Pierre by the 6 o'clock boat, making for Port de France, and consequently were saved.

All attempts to get to St. Pierre are barred by fire. The closest observers saw houses still blazing and streets strewn with charred bodies. It is certain that the whole town and neighboring country for miles around were utterly destroyed, and few, if any, of the inhabitants escaped.

The volcano of the island of St. Vincent has burst out in sympathetic eruption. A steamer which returned from there last night reports that the northern third of the island was in flames and cut off from assistance by a continuous stream of burning lava, ashes falling in heavy showers as far as one hundred and fifty miles away. Kingston, the capital of St. Vincent, is safe, but people here are very anxious as to the fate of that island.

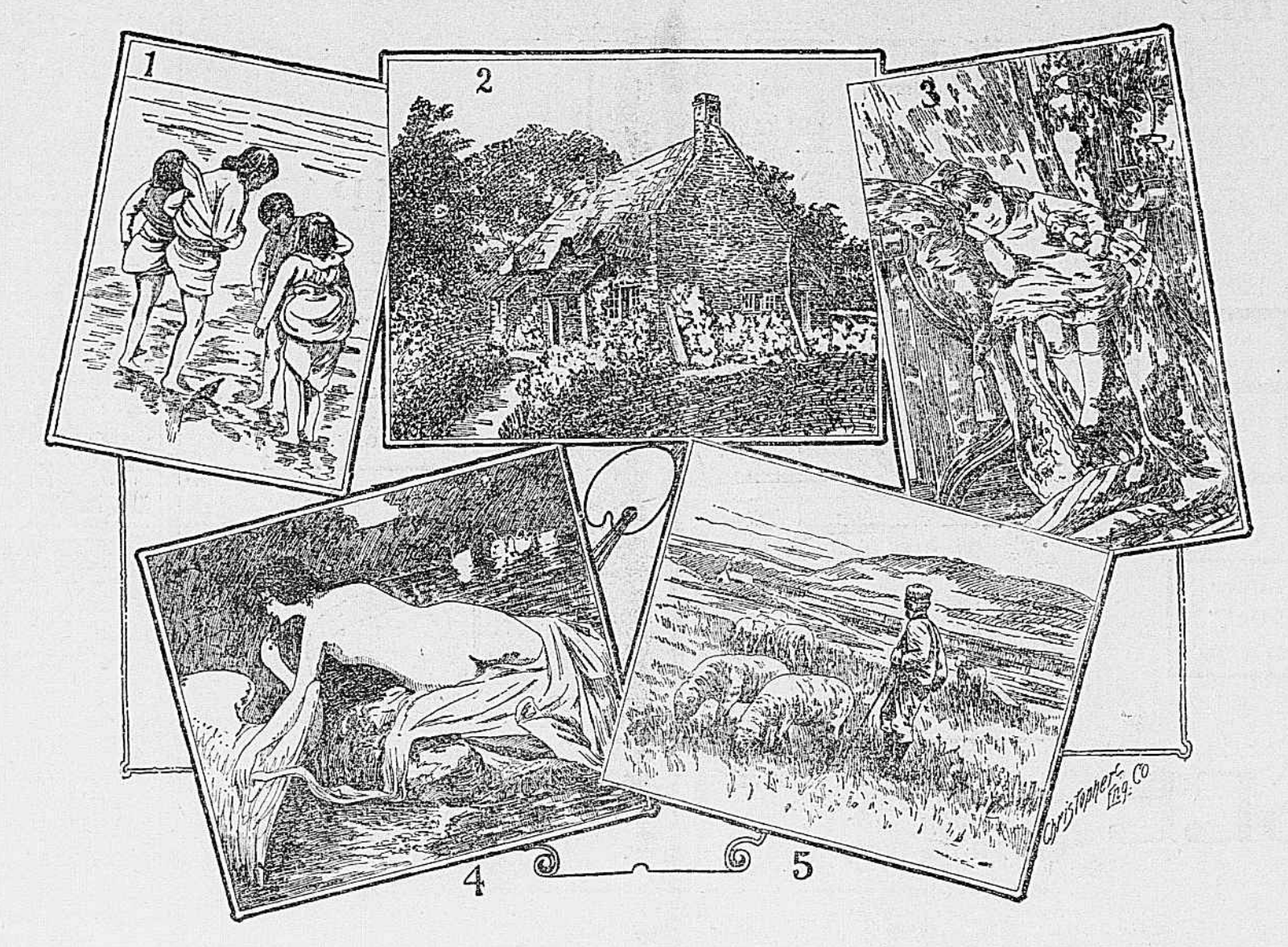
Dominica and St. Lucia have been very active centers, but they show no departure from normal conditions as yet. Food-stuffs of all kinds are urgently wanted.

WITHOUT WARNING.

POINTE-A-PITRE, GUADELOUPE, May 10.—Saturday morning.—The first mate of the Roddam thus describes the disaster at St. Pierre:

"Between 6:30 o'clock and 7 o'clock on

## SOME FAMOUS PAINTINGS HUNG IN THE RICHMOND ART CLUB'S EXHIBIT



1. On the Beach at Long Island, by James Symington. 2. The Thatched Cottage, by Walter Paris. 3. Reverie (a portrait), by Richard Brooks. 4. Leda and Her Swan, by Elliott Daingerfield. 5. A Shepherd Boy, by Irving Cousa.

A treat is in store for Richmonders this week in the art exhibit, which opens Tuesday morning at No. 12 East Franklin street.

The seventh annual exhibition of the Richmond Art Club will be a revelation to the residents of this old, historic city when they pay their first visit to the old Talbot house, which is the exhibition hall at No. 12 East Franklin Street. For days past words of art, which include some of the finest specimens of the artist's brush, from New York, Boston, Chicago and Washington, as well as specimens from other cities, have been received, and are now hung in the hall, on the walls. The American painter and the American sculptor has sent some of the finest products of his genius, and many pictures to be seen will stand the test of time and will be remembered in years to come. The specimens from the brush of these celebrated artists, as well as our home talent, which compares very favorably, all things being taken into consideration, will be extremely interesting to the visitor during the week.

The storm roared about Soufriere all night without cessation, but on the following morning it became intermittent and fainter. A report from Barbadoes says that on the 7th instant the sky was heavily overcast, the heat was excessive and there was a distant sound of thunder. Later, early in the afternoon, dense darkness set in and a great quantity of vivid dust fell and continued falling until a late hour. No damage is reported.

### FORTY THOUSAND.

Island of Martinique Not Only Sufferer from Volcanic Eruption.

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, May 10.—The following cablegram was received this morning at the Colonial Office from Governor Sir Frederick Mitchell Hodgson, of Barbadoes: "The Soufriere volcano on St. Vincent, B. W. I., erupted violently yesterday. Loud reports resembling artillery fire were heard at Barbadoes at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. At five o'clock there came darkness and thunder, accompanied by a strong downpour of dust which continued until night. Barbadoes is covered several inches deep with dust this morning. Governor Llewellyn, of the Windward

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laurels for best work, he is also a landscape painter, and exhibits a charming oil color of "A Summer Day on Long Island Sound."

He is better in his treatment of water scenes than of the foliage, giving in the former a very truthful rendering of its various phases, especially in the character of the atmosphere and the oily smoothness of the water. Mr. Joseph is well known by his miniatures. He has a case of them on exhibition here.

Mr. Frederick B. Williams, a young artist of about thirty, is also among the exhibitors, and possesses, perhaps, an individuality that no other exhibitor has, in that all his paintings, whether in oil or water colors, are done from memory or imagination. His pictures are, therefore, more the result of gradual assimilation than of sudden impression. He is a distinctly American product, having not yet crossed the ocean. A New York critic said of him: "Williams does not seem to have exhausted himself on any one canvas. One feels that he has selected from an excellent store house the impressions that he deemed best suited to his purpose, and that the same theme might have been treated differently, had he so desired, many times. He is a man whose development has been steady and in the right direction. His fault, perhaps, is that in instances he puts on the paint too thick, but it is a fault which he will outgrow."

Everett L. Warner, of New York, is an exhibitor, and it is to be regretted that he had sold all of his works. But he still has several excellent landscapes, including one wood scene, of which the washes and treatment are excellent. Warner is the rising young artist of the day, being only in his twenties, and was said to be, by Moser, the Washington art critic, "the most promising young water colorist in this country." While a celebrated Boston critic said: "It was an investment for anyone to buy his pictures."

William Paris, of Washington, has sent some excellent water colors, (Shakespeare's England). His "Thatched Cottage" is extremely realistic and the coloring and lights very good. Every detail is brought out, but not too prominently.

"Where the Dew Drinks," by Roswell Morse Shurtieff, is among the pictures hung, and while his animal pictures are considered by far his best works, this picture gives a good idea of his skill.

### ANTHRACITE COAL OPERATORS ARE COURTING A CONFLICT,

Making No Effort to Induce Miners to Disobey Strike Order—The Result of Convention is in Doubt.

(By Associated Press.)  
SCRANTON, PA., May 10.—There is a strong sentiment among the miners in this district that President Mitchell is opposed to a strike, and no matter how the operators may view it the Mine Workers' Union can afford to refuse to engage in the conflict which the men say the operators are inviting.

Most of the miners hereabouts had a half holiday owing to the semi-monthly pay-day. The miners congregated in groups and on "The Pace" corners to-night and discussed the question of making the strike order permanent. On Tuesday preceding the Monday on which the 1900 strike order took effect, the mine bosses worked like Trojans among their personal friends in the ranks of the miners, to urge them against obeying the strike order. To-day the bosses are religiously holding aloof from their men.

COURT CONFLICT.

There is absolutely no effort on the part of the operators, as far as is apparent here, to discourage a strike.

Lately he has been summering in the Adirondacks, and most of his paintings bear on that place. In his landscape paintings one cannot fail to recognize those subtle phases of nature which generally put the brush at defiance.

Richard N. Brooks, of Washington, is also counted among the celebrated living American artists. His portrait of Miss Wagman is kindly loaned by her father for the occasion. The coloring is unusually fine, and the portrait has been hung over the mantel in the first room. Mr. Brooks is a Virginian, a student of Leon Bonnat and Benjamin Constant, and has had two pictures hung in the "Corcoran Art Gallery." At present he is president of the Society of Washington Artists, instructor of the composition and costume classes of the Art Students' League.

For the excellent exhibit from Chicago the chairman of this exhibition has to thank Miss Alice B. Thayer, who has been untiring in her energy, going to several of the artists herself to ask them to send contributions. She has sent some excellent pictures herself, which show a wealth of coloring.

Perhaps the most noted artist in the West is Frederick W. Frost, of Chicago, who was a medalist both at the World's Fair and Pan-American Exposition. He will exhibit "Happy Hours," which is an out-door picture, showing a mother and child in a hammock on a July day. This is considered a fine example of Mr. Frost's well-known out-of-door style.

Other pictures worthy of notice are those of Miss I. J. Burgess, the young artist who did the musical decorations for the State reception-room at the World's Fair. She exhibits some charming water colors, in which the greens predominate; the "Old Cedars" is especially fine.

Chicago artists have also sent a bronze by Henning Rydman, who is very versatile as a painter, sculptor and carver. While he was born in Sweden and studied mostly in London, he makes his home in the West now.

Miss E. M. Scott, who exhibits several water color rose sketches, is considered to be the best water color flower painter of New York, her lights on the flowers being of particularly soft, pleasing effect. She is the president of the Woman's Art Club in that city, and received a medal at Atlanta.

Amongst the plaster figures, one entitled

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## DR. PITT UNDER A CLOSE FIRE

Endorsed Action in Home Board Severing Relationship With Diaz.

### THE CUBAN IS ON THE GROUND

He Desires to Appear Before the Convention.

### A PLEA FOR THE MOUNTAIN REGION

Savannah, Georgia, Will Be the Next Place of Meeting of the Convention—The Theological Seminary and Home Missions Occupy Most of the Attention of the Session. Plan to Reduce Discussion on Floor.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 10.—The interest of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in the Southern Baptist Convention during the first morning hour, Rev. Dr. R. H. Mullins, the president of the Seminary, being the speaker. Home Missions has occupied almost all the rest of the morning and afternoon sessions. Missionary Brown spoke on the work in what is known as the "Mountain Region," where every fifth man is a Baptist.

The great need of this region is education, and the speaker told of the thirst of the youth for education.

The report of the committee on the work in Cuba awakened immediate interest. Rev. Dr. R. H. Pitt, the chairman of the committee, had questions fired at him from all parts of the house. He was courteous and cool, and so the master of the situation.

### SAVED HEATED DISCUSSION.

Perhaps saved the convention from a heated and unpleasant discussion. His report endorsed the action of the Home Board in regard to the Cuba work and Diaz, except that the board should sooner have severed the relationship with Diaz.

In connection with the discussion of the report O'Halloran, a native Cuban, a perfect type of the Latin races, addressed the convention in Spanish. Mr. Daniel acting as interpreter. So emotional and dramatic was the Cuban's manner and voice that one delegate shouted amen! at the end of a long Spanish sentence. The convention rose and stood while Dr. Geo. Dana, Boardman was presented. He was too feeble to make a speech or to have himself heard, so his whispered words were given to the audience by Dr. J. B. Hawthorne.

The convention also did honor in like manner to H. H. Hickman, of Augusta, Ga., who was present at the organization of the convention in 1845.

### SHUT OFF DEBATE.

Dr. Eaton, of Kentucky, offered a resolution this afternoon, which, at future conventions, will curb the flow of "eloquence." Nominating speeches and addresses of welcome will be limited as to number and length.

On Thursday, at 10 P. M., Dr. C. Peters, of Baltimore, made a strong presentation of the Baptist position in regard to the ordinance of baptism. In this morning's session the Episcopalians, Rev. Mr. Neely Dubois, comes out in a card, taking exception to the speech and statements of Dr. Peters.

Dr. Peters' speech was warmly received and will seek to appear before the convention. It remains to be seen whether he will succeed or not.

The Seminary trustees elected Rev. T. J. Shipman as a trustee this afternoon. He fills the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr. M. C. McDowell to Georgia. Other Virginians have arrived so that there are more than 150 on the ground, the largest delegation present.

The committee on time and place of next meeting announced that Savannah, Ga., will be recommended as the city in which to hold the convention for May, 1903.

### THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

The report of the Sunday-school Board presented by Dr. J. M. Frost, gives the following statement of results for the year:

The receipts have exceeded those of last year by \$10,000, giving the handsome total of \$89,247.71. This total contains no

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## SUMMARY OF THE NEWS

### FORECAST.

Sunday, partly cloudy and warm. Monday, fair; fresh east to south winds. Tuesday, fair; fresh east to south winds. Lowest temperature yesterday..... 61. Mean temperature yesterday..... 63. Highest temperature yesterday..... 66. Departure from normal temperature..... 1. Precipitation (in inches) during past 24 hours..... 0.

### LOCAL.

Great crowd participates in Oakwood Memorial observance. Address of Hon. John Goode.

Strike of Allegheny Box Company's employees. Trouble thought to end to-morrow.

Blues have fine celebration of anniversary of the Emancipation of the Negro.

Clay Ward Active take unique stand regarding their support of candidates.

Henrico circuit heavily fined for interference with school teacher.

Many real estate sales reported. Building plans shelved on account of high price of labor and material.

Arrangements for reopening of the Jefferson Hotel next Thursday.

Police give preliminary investigation of the death of Clifford M. Allen. Convinced that it was case of accidental drowning.

### VIRGINIA.

Major Otey's will probated at Lynchburg.

Negro falls under a train at Culpeper and is killed.

Mr. Henry C. Stewart's barn in Russell burned with nine horses.

Jim Wright, the noted outlaw in Scott county, shoots Jefferson Roberts, an old enemy, from ambush.

Joseph E. Knuckels died at Indian Springs, from small-pox. Reports from Bristol exaggerated.

John Skelton Williams mentioned as president of Jamestown Exposition.

Woodstock citizens nominate a municipal ticket for the coronation of the Empress.

Boy dies from chloroform while being operated on at Lexington.

Municipal ticket nominated in Blacksburg.

### GENERAL.

Further reports from Martinique fully confirm horrors of the disaster there. Fully forty thousand perished. The Cincinnati ordered to proceed to the scene. Senate passed bill to appropriate \$100,000 for aid of the sufferers. Stream of lava half mile wide flowed down into the sea, destroying everything in its path.

Miners discuss the strike situation, and there seems to be doubt as to whether it will be more perpetual.

Bill against the beef trust, filed by Attorney Bethae, recites at length the injustices of the combination.

Methodists in conference at Dallas, Tex., set aside Monday as a day of prayer for harmony on the war claims matter.

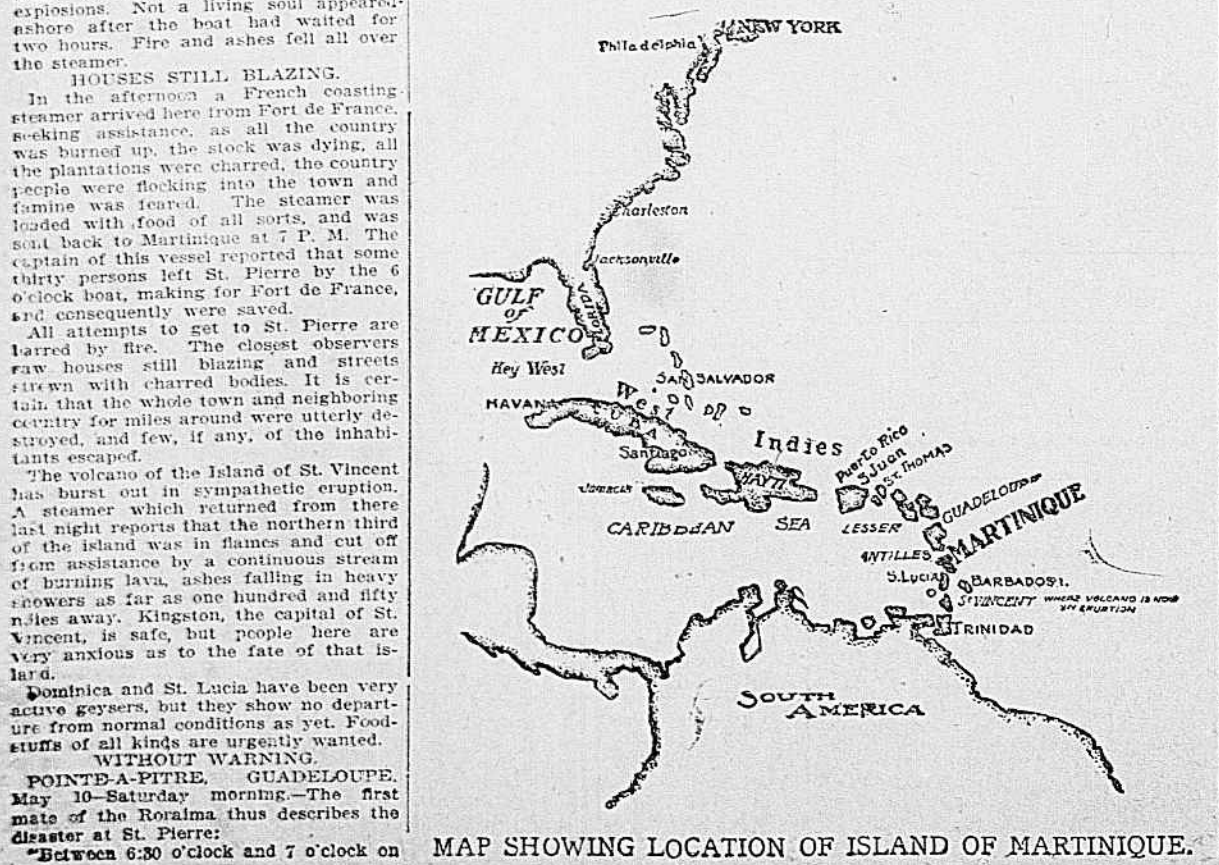
Dr. Smith, of Virginia, stirs up breeze by resolution looking to abolishing of the publishing house.

Day in Baptist Convention in Asheville is interesting. Quite a discussion over the relations with Dr. Diaz. Savannah selected as the next meeting place.

Senator Bailey in the Senate raises question of President's right to name and the propriety of this country's sending an embassy to the coronation of any monarch.

Trouble in Clemson College adjusted and the students will return.

Express train held up, but robbers failed to secure any booty.



MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF ISLAND OF MARTINIQUE.